

2007 Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference Call for Programs

Overview

The Library of Michigan (LM) and the Rural Libraries Conference (RLC) Program Committee encourage you to submit a proposal for the 2007 RLC to be held at the Grand Traverse Resort on May 7, 8, & 9, 2007.

RLC has a long tradition of providing a forum for the staff, trustees, and advocates of Michigan's small and rural libraries to share, learn, and be inspired to provide the best library service to their communities.

The 2007 RLC theme, "Rural Libraries 2.0", recognizes that small and rural libraries join the entire library community in realizing the 21st century library. Technology, services, communication, staffing, budgets – everything we do is informed by our response to a rapidly changing world. What will the 2.0 version of Michigan small and rural libraries look like? You tell us!

The RLC Program Committee invites you to consider the following conference tracks as you design your program proposal:

- Access & Collections
- Advocacy
- Leadership & Management
- Patron Services
- Technology
- Trustees

The goal of our conference is to integrate our current good practices with emerging trends, practices, and goals. Working together, we will create Rural Libraries 2.0!

Requirements & Selection Criteria

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Loleta Fyan Rural Libraries Conference **presenters** will be required to:

- Pay for conference registration fees & resort accommodations if they choose to attend the entire conference
- Provide an electronic copy of session materials that will be provided to all conference attendees

The **Library of Michigan** will provide all presenters with:

- One night's lodging
- Conference meals on the day of or night before their presentations
- Mileage reimbursement
- Printing for handouts

Selection Criteria

Program selection is a peer-reviewed process. The RLC Program Committee will evaluate the content of your proposal for relevance to the conference tracks, clarity, originality, timeliness, experience and qualifications of presenter(s).

DEADLINE

Program proposals must be submitted by July 15, 2006 in order to be considered for inclusion in the 2007 RLC. Submit proposals to Deb Bacon-Ziegler at bacon-zieglerd@michigan.gov. The contact person for the proposal will be notified of the status of that proposal by August 18, 2006.

Instructions for Submitting Your Program Proposal

The Call for Programs form will be available electronically on the LM web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/ldds>. It is a Microsoft Word document that should be completed, saved, and sent as an attachment to bacon-zieglerd@michigan.gov.

We need:

1. Complete contact information for all speakers
2. Program title
3. Program track
4. Length of program (one 75-minute session or two back-to-back sessions)
5. Preferred date of program
6. Program description
7. A minimum of three learning outcomes

Please note that proposals with significant incomplete information will not be considered. It is your responsibility to make sure that your proposal is complete by the submission deadline. Proposals must be submitted to bacon-zieglerd@michigan.gov by July 15, 2006, in order to be considered for inclusion in the 2007 Rural Libraries Conference.

Please note also that a program may not be an advertisement for a vendor or solely a demonstration of a product/service. Specific products/services may be used or described only if essential for a correct understanding of the topic being

presented. Library staff currently using the product/service must participate in the presentation.

The Library of Michigan and the Rural Libraries Conference reserve the right to reorganize content, combine proposals, and make other changes as necessary to render the proposal appropriate for presentation at RLC. The involvement and agreement of the proposal's contact person will be sought on all such changes. The contact person must, however, provide LM and RLC with final authority.

Questions? Please contact Deb Bacon-Ziegler, bacon-zieglerd@michigan.gov, 517-373-3476.